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Also, please indicate your membership number whenever placing an order or communicating with us ... it really helps!

This month's offerings include some of the most famous Bible-reference coins, including our Coin-of-the-Month, the Tribute Penny. All coins are priced moderately (as little as $10, and the highest only $137.50), and you may take several months to pay if you wish. Or charge it. And now on to the goodies ...

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Coin #1 TWO TYPES OF THE PERSIAN SIGLOS
Every time we have offered a silver Persian siglos it has quickly been sold. No wonder, as it is the only coin mentioned in the Old Testament. It is generally accepted that the earliest siglos is the type with the great king carrying a bow; these are assigned to the time of Darius (521-486 BC). Later types (time of Queen Esther) show the king with a spear or dagger. The reverses are all blank. We are fortunate in being able to offer a nice group of both types (Wacks 2):

Early Siglos, About Very Fine $130.00
Later Siglos, Nice Very Fine 80.00
Later Siglos, Premium Extremely Fine 130.00

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Coin #2 EARLY MACCABEAN BRONZE
These tiny half prutah bronze coins were issued by Alexander Jannaeus in 103-76 BC. The designs are an anchor and star. They are rather crude with generally undecipherable inscriptions (Wacks 16A). Here's a most inexpensive momento of the grandson of Simon Maccabeus. Average Good $10.00

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Coin #3 TRIBUTE PENNY ... THE COIN-OF-THE-MONTH
The Tribute Penny (Wacks 62) was most likely the silver denarius of the Emperor Tiberius (14-37 AD). It is one of the most historic of all ancient coins and is an extremely desirable momento of Bible days. Note that these are the lowest prices at which we have ever offered these famous coins. Better order quickly to avoid disappointment! Telephone orders will be accepted.

Tribute Penny, Very Good $105.00
Tribute Penny, Nice Fine 125.00

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YOU MAY CHARGE YOUR PURCHASE ... OR PAY IT OUT IF YOU WISH.

Coin #4 PONTIUS PILATE'S ERROR COIN

One of the most common problems of ancient coin-engravers was forgetting to engrave letters "mirror imaged" in the die ... thus producing backwards individual letters or entire legends. This is exactly what occurred in 30/31 AD (just a few weeks or months after the Crucifixion) when part of the date for Pilate's newly designed augur-coins was engraved backwards. Thus, on some of the coins the date reads "LIS" rather than the correct "LIZ". All of the coins of Pontius Pilate are in great demand, and this is especially true for this interesting and scarce error.

Pontius Pilate Error Mite (Wacks 57), Good-Very Good ... $38.50

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Coin #5 THE LAST PROCURATOR COIN

The last coin issued by the hated Procurators of Judaea was authorized by Felix in 58/59 AD (Wacks 61), under the Emperor Nero (whose name appears on the coin's reverse). The obverse features an upright palm branch surrounded by a Greek inscription meaning "Caesar's Money." It was Felix who "sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ" (Acts 24:24). Paul must have handled small "mites" such as these!

Procurator Felix Mite (Wacks 61), Avg. Good-Very Good .. $12.50

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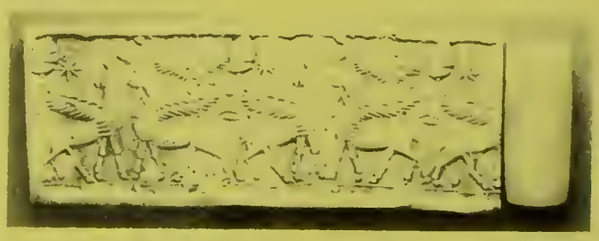
Artifact #6 3000 YEAR OLD CYLINDER SEALS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST



Here they are ... long forgotten kings and their pagan gods and goddesses looking out over the millenniums! From Mesopotamia, "the cradle of civilization," circa 1000-2000 BC we have just obtained a very few authentic Cylinder Seals of excellent artistic style, unequalled historic interest, and in an amazing state of preservation. They were used to roll over a piece of clay (to identify the owner) before inscribing it in cuneiform and then baking the tablet. We have selected a small group of choice original seals from a recently discovered hoard, and offer them exclusively to BNS Charter Members at a fraction of their normal retail selling prices. And as a free bonus, we will include the excellent reference book "The Mark of Ancient Man ... Ancient Near Eastern Stamp Seals and Cylinder Seals" to add to your appreciation and enjoyment of these 3000+ year old artifacts.

Cylinder Seal, c. 1000-2000 BC (our choice) $137.50

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